

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 106

By Crowe

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Gary Mabrey for twenty-five years as president and chief executive officer of the Johnson City/Washington County Chamber of Commerce.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as local business leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such notable individual is Gary Mabrey, who was recently recognized for twenty-five years of service as president and chief executive officer of the Chamber of Commerce, serving Johnson City and Washington County; and

WHEREAS, with his guidance, the Chamber of Commerce has achieved numerous accomplishments on behalf of Johnson City, such as establishing the Med Tech Corridor Commission and the Downtown Task Force, both of which have greatly facilitated area development, and earning the Tri-Cities region the National Civic League's 1999 All American City Award; and

WHEREAS, a Johnson City native, Mr. Mabrey graduated from East Tennessee State University (ETSU) with a bachelor's degree in psychology and political science before earning his master's in city management; and

WHEREAS, his impressive career has gained him extensive experience in city management, local and regional planning, human resource management, and organizational development; and

WHEREAS, he has also been the recipient of numerous honors and awards, including certification as a chamber executive by the American Chamber of Commerce in 1999 and 2007, membership on the American Chamber of Commerce Executives Board of Directors from 2003-

-2009, and recent induction into ETSU's College of Business and Technology Hall of Fame along with ETSU's Excellence Award; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of our society depend, in great measure, on the dedication of people like Gary Mabrey, who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Gary Mabrey for his twenty-five years of service as president and chief executive officer of the Johnson City/Washington County Chamber of Commerce, thank him for all he has done to make Johnson City and this State a better place to live and work, and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.